

**From:** Dane Vertefay  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Department of Justice Representative,

The short opinion -

Yes, I feel that the settlement is in the best interest of the American people and that it is fair. Please finalize this issue by the current terms.

Further -

I believe that bringing closure to this issue through reasonable terms is the right thing for the consumers and our economy, and I am happy to see an end to this dispute. It is understandable that some of the large corporate competitors will push their states to continue this issue, but I feel that finalizing this issue under the terms set forth is the best for the consumers and businesses as well.

I believe that the standardization of my computer desktop programs has helped my company communicate internally with our four offices and even more importantly with my customers and suppliers as well. The fact that a standard platform for the desktop happened through the 1980's & '90's and has significantly contributed to the growth of many industries is the primary benefit, the fact that that company is called "Microsoft" is by the consumers choice from the products available at the time those decisions were originally made.

Note -

I have used computers since 1981(Apple) switched to IBM Compatible with Microsoft in the early '90's (24 Gateway PC's currently) and feel that I understand the issue very well, although I did not see all the case evidence presented by either side.

Thank you for taking the time to "hear" my opinion.

Sincerely,  
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